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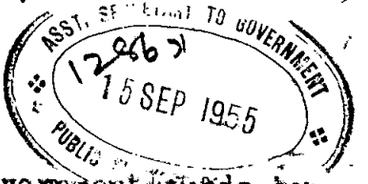
Sri. Sivagnanasundaram, M.L.A.

Member of the Legislative Assembly, (Leader of the Dravidian Progressive party)
MADRAS.



Sir,

Sub:- Misappropriation of Government funds by Sri.M.L.Advani, the then Port Officer, Tuticorin-Now State Port Officer, Madras.

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I give below a concrete case of misappropriation of Government funds by Sri.M.L.Advani, the then Port Officer of Tuticorin, now working as State Port Officer, Madras.

Sri. M.L.Advani was posted as Port Officer Tuticorin in the year 1952 and was here till May 1955. During his period of service at Tuticorin he was found to be a very corruptive Officer and he was getting illegal gratifications from most of the persons who were connected with Port Business, through his subordinate Sri.Kumaraguruparan, Pier Master of the Port. Wild talks were afloat among the public about his malpractices, but none was bold enouth to find out his malpractices and to report the same to the Government. Finnaly the undersigned cameforward to find out his action of misappropriation of Government funds and reported to the Government with evidence and records. But I regret to state that the Government has not taken any effective action so far, and instead, only promoted him as State Port Officer. If the Government acted like this, on a concrete case of misappropriation like the one I have citedto them how could the public co-operate with the Government in their aim to wipe away corruption and oribary from the country ? I realy do not know. I, therefore, place before you some some facts to enable you to raise question in the Assemoly, and to take action on the corruptive Officer, so that it may deter others from havingsuch malpractices.

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1. This Sri.M.L.Advani during the period of his service at Tuticorin used to go to Mandapam and Cochin to supervise the works connected with this Port. He never took his peon with him whenever he visited these places, but drew out T.A for his peon as if he took his peon to all these. This was found out by the undersigned on one occasion.

On 19-10-54 Sri.Advani went to Cochin for inspection of a Tug which was under construction for use in this Port. The undersigned hearing that he has alone left for Cochin immidiately sent registered letters to all the peons with acknowlegement due and got the acknowlegement signed by the peons between 20-10-54 and 21-10-54 to confirm the presence of these peons at Tuticorin during these dates. On 22-10-54 the Port Officer returned to Tuticorin and drew out a T.A. Bill on 27-10-54 for himself and for his peon amounting to Rs. ~~76-6-0~~ 95.7.0 and ~~26-11-0~~ 26.0.0 respectively and got the bill signed by one T.Paul and pocketed both his T.A. and the peons'.

After vervfying this privately, I wrote a confidential letter to the Chairman, Port Trust, with a copy to Secretary to P.W. Department and Police X-Branch, Madras, about this misappropriation and requested him to seize the account books of the Port and Port Trust Office, and the relative vouchers and also the attendance book from 1-1-54 to avoid giving convenience to the Port officer for correction of entries and tampering with the records.

Since there was no reply for a long time and as there was no action by the Chairman, I got the support of two other Trustees, of the Board Sri.M.Duraisamy and Sri.Shunmugasundram Pillai and we wrote a joint letter on 9-12-54 to the Chairman to convene a special urgent meeting to discuss matters relating to the conduct of the Port Officer. Again on the same date I wrote another letter to the Chairman, Port Trust, giving some details for the case and about his stay at Madura on 21-10-54 for Rotary Club meeting for which also Sri M.L.Aadvani has claimed pattah.

Since no meeting was convened as per our request on9-12-54 again we sent another letter to the Chairman on13-12-54 quoting the section of the Port Trust act under which the Chairman is empowered to call for a special meeting.

On 14-12-54 we approached the Chairman in person and requested him to convene the meeting. He promised to convene the meeting on 21-12.54. As he did not-convent the meeting on that date again we met the Chairman on 21st evening and he informed us that he has post-poned the date of the meeting to 24th Dec.,54

To our surprise on 22-12-54 we got a letter from the Chairman stating, that since the Port Officer does not come under the disciplinary control of the Board, he cannot convene a meeting in the interest of the good Administration and discipline and that he will examine the complaints and that if necessary communication will be sent to the appropriate authorities with his remarks for taking suitable action in the matter.

On this letter of the Chairman dated 22-12-54, we wrote to the Government of all what transpired between us and the Chairman over this issue and requested the Government to instruct the Chairman by telegram to convene the special meeting which we have asked for.

Again On 23-12-54 one of the Trustee, Sri. M.Druaisamy sent a letter to the Chairman requesting him to include his proposal of moving resolution in the ordinary meeting of January,1955 to the effect of forming a Sub-Committee consisting of five members to consider the conduct of Sri.M.L.Advani and to request the Government to transfer him immidiately from this Port. But as usual he got a reply from the Chairman that it would not be desirable to consider resolution of this nature since the Port Officer is a public servant and the complaint will enquired by the compentent authorities.

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On 18-1-55, I got a communication from the Chairman, asking me some more details about the case of Misappropriation and I gave them immediately enclosing with all the documentary evidence I had with me in support of the case.

On 18-2-55 one of our Trustee Sri.M.Duraisamy wrote a letter to the Minister for public works and requested him to take up the case at the earliest convenience since the Government was silent over this issue and which is still silent also.

On 21-2-55 during the vist of our Chief Minister Sri.K.Kamaraj some of the Trustees presented a memorandum giving the full picture of the case of misappropriation and the curruptive nature of Sri.M.L.Advani and even went to the extent of challenging to accept any penalty if the case is not proved.

Again on 19-3-55 another memorandum was presented to Sri. M.Bakthavathsalam on this ouoject during his visit to Tuticorin.

Nearly 10 months have passed since we reported his case of misappropriation to the Government and no action has been taken by the Government, so far. Now we understand that the Government has lodged our complaint and that no action will be taken.

We therefore, bring this case to your kind notice and appeal to you to move this subject in the Assembly and to arrange to take action over this issue.

Apart from this concrete case of misappropriation, we understand that he has received illegal gratification from one contractor who constructed the South Wharf at the cost of Rs-1,87,000/- and M/s. Brunton & Co, who constructed a Tug " M.V.Mannar " at the cost of Rs. 2,50,000/- Reliable informations are given to us, and if an enquiry committee is constituted to find ou his corruption,

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I ssure you Sir, Iwill assit the committee with the cooperation of some other trustees to bring the ~~fa~~ fact to light.

Thanking you Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

(M.N.Mascarenhas).
Trustee,
The Tuticorin Port Trust Board.

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எங்களுடைய 15.8.55தேதி போர்ட்டு ஆபீஸர் M. L. அத்வானிபுகார் கடிதத்தின் அடிப்படையாக போர்ட்டுரெஸ்ட் நம்பர் M. N. மன்கானுஸ் மரணத்தினாகா கனியிதவிசாரிக்கும், எதிரிய கிளாகாரஸ்ப் ரான்டைடண்டிஸ்ட் எதிரிய கடிதத்தின் நகல்களை இத்துடன் அனுப்பி இருக்கிறோம்.

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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

The Chairman,
Port Trust,
TUTICORIN.

Sir,

I realiably given to understand that the Secretary Port Trust has misappropriated some government money and has maintained false account, by claiming T.A. for his visits to Mandapam and Cochin.

I am given a specific instance to prove the misappropriation and I request you to kindly make a confidential enquiry and submit your report to the Government for necessary action, if the instance is proved.

I also request you to please seize the hournal Ledger and the relative vouchers and maintained for the Port and Port Trust Funds and also the attendance books from 1-1-1954.

I request you also to seize the above immediately as I feel any delay that may be caused might give some convenience to the Secretary, Port Trust, for altering or amending any of the said records.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) M.N.Mascarenhas.

Copy to:-
The Superintendent of Police, x-Branch, MADRAS.
The Secretary, Public Works (Marine) Department, MADRAS.

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M.N.Mascarenhas.

Tuticorin.
Date: 9th Decr.,1954.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter dated 9-11-54 which was a reply to your letter of same date. I write to give you some more particulars regarding the instance cited in my letter dated 6-11-54.

Sri.M.L.Advani, the Secretary, Port Trust left for Cochin for inspection of tug which was contracted at Cochin on 19-10-54, and returned to Tuticorin on 22-10-54. He did not take any Peon with him to Cochin But after his return from Cochin he drew a bill for T.A.on his name and another bill on a Peon's name and got it signed by a peon. Both the amounts were pocketed by the Secretary, Port Trust.

I have got sufficient record to prove that this peon who signed the bill was at Tuticorin during the date claimed in the bill.

It also appears that he Sri.M.L.Advani was in the Rotary Club at Madura on 21-10-54 and he has claimed battah for this day also.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd)

Copy to:-

The Secretary,
Public Works Department,
M A D R A S.

The D.S.P. x-Branch, M A D R A S.

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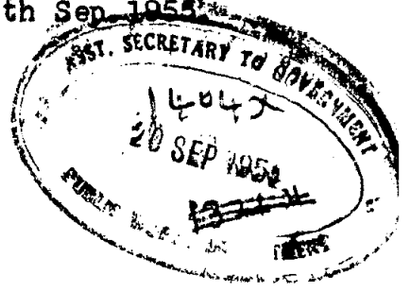
Tuticorin,
17th Sep 1956.



From:

P.Shanmughasundaram,
Trustee, Tuticorin Port Trust,
2 Customs Lane,
Tuticorin.

To:

The Secfetary,
Public Works Department (Marine),
Government of Madras,
M A D R A S.

Deaf Sir,

Sub:- Sri M.L.Advani, Secretary, Tuticorin Port Trust - Allegation regarding claim of false T.A. Bills.

I am informed by the Chairman, Tuticorin Port Trust, that you have issued suitable instructions in the matter and if it is to be pursued with fresh allegations, the competent authority to deal with the subject is the Government.

The case under question is a pucca misappropriation of the Port Trust funds as Shri M.L.Advani travelled to Cochin without taking along with him even his private servant in the place of the Office Peon. If you assist me, I can secure documentary evidence to prove this also. The same thing has been committed in his previous T.A.Bills also.

It seems that the Port Office Assistant, Shri Maharaja Pillai, has stated in his evidence that the practice of drawing T.A. in favour of the Pron and giving it to the private servant of the Port Officer is usual at this Port. The Peon also might have stated that he received the money and paid it to the servant of Shri M.L.Advani. These evidences are false and I can prove this, if I am permitted to cross examine them.

I am really surprised to note that the Port Trust Board has not yet been any chance of enquiring the matter and I am not able to understand the version of the Chairman that the Government is the competent authority to deal with the subject.

Ofcourse I accept that the Chairman must get the previous sanction of the State Government for taking any disciplinary action against the Secretary as per Section 28 of the Tuticorin Port Trust Act. This does not mean that he cannot control over the acts and proceedings of all Officers and servants of the Boa in matters of executive administration and in matters concernin the accounts etc. vide Sec. 22(2) of the Tuticorin Port Trust A

Under the circumstances I request you to kindly instruct the Chairman, Tuticorin Port Trust, to conduct a thorough investigation of all the T.A. Bills assisted by the Port Trust Board Annual Inspection Committee and collect the amounts which have been disbursed against false claims.

Yours faithfully,

P. Shanmugham

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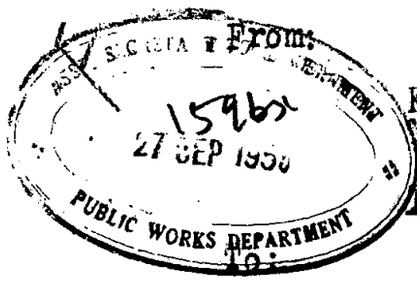
Tuticorin,
26th Sept. '55.



From:

K.S.S. Soundarapandian,
Municipal Councillor,
86 B, Zelweger Street,
TUTICORIN.

To:

The State Port Officer,
MADRAS.

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I know it is not proper for an ordinary Citizen like myself to suggest to the Honourable State Port Officer regarding postings and transfers of officers, but in the -

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interest of good administration, I feel it my duty to place my humble suggestion before you, not to post Mr. M.L. Advani again to Tuticorin as Port Trust Officer.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

K.S.S. Soundarapandian

Copy to:
The Chief Minister,
Government of Madras,
Madras.
Minister for Public Works,
Government of Madras,
Madras.
Secretary to the Government,
Public Works Department,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Secy. P.W.D.

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Tuticorin,
26th Sept. '55.

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GOVT. OF MADRAS

From:

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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

K.S.D. Sundarpandian

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MEMO.NO.1286 XL/55-1 D/ 6.10.55

Sub:- Advani, Sri M.L., Port Officer-Allegations.

Ref:- From Sri M.N.Mascarenhas, Trustee T.P.T., Letter to Sri Swayamprakasam dated nil.

Letter from United Front Reading Room, Tuticorin to the C.T.P.T., dated 24.8.1955.

From Sri P. Shanmugasundaram, Trustee, T.P.T., letter dated 17-9-1955.

From Sri K.S.Soundarapandian, letter to ~~S.P.O.~~ T(W) dated 26.9.55.

Copies of the petitions cited are forwarded to the S.P.O. ~~As a number of allegations have been made against him by some of the trustees of the Tuticorin Port Trust,~~ A copy of G.O Ms.No 2178 P.W. dated 2.6.55 containing the orders passed on similar petitions is enclosed. The S.P.O. is requested to ~~state~~ consider whether it will be in the interest of the administration of the Port Trust to post ~~Sri Advani~~ Sri M.L. Advani back to Tuticorin, ~~on his return from leave.~~ while submitting proposals for his posting, on return from leave.

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To

The S.P.O., Madras

(with a copy of G.O Ms.No 2178 P.W. dt. 2.6.55 and copies of petitions mentioned)

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TUTICORIN POST - Sri M.L. Advani, Port Officer - Allegations.

pp1-9 c/f — Ref:- From Sri M.N.Mascarenhas, Trustee, T.P.T., Lr. ~~M~~ to Sri Swayamprakasam dated nil.

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p17 c/f —— From Sri P.Shanmugasundaram, Trustee, T.P.T., letter dated 17-9-55.

p19 c/f From Sri K.S.S.Sowndara pandian to SPO letter dated 26.9.55

Please see the references at pp. 1-20 c.f. Pages 1-15 are copies of letters addressed to an M.L.A. and the C.T.P.T. All the petitions relate to allegations against Sri M.L. Advani, former Port Officer, Tuticorin (now on leave).

2. All the petitions charge Sri M.L. Advani with having claimed false T.A. bills. It is submitted that this charge was already examined and orders obtained in circulation. Please see the orders in circulation on p. 14 n.f. and the orders in G.O.Ms. 2178 P.W., dated 2-6-55 at p. 113 c.f. of (E). In the circumstances no further action seems necessary on these petitions. The Chairman, Tuticorin Port Trust may be asked to give suitable reply to the Trustee, Sri Shanmugasundaram ~~may perhaps be given reply. A draft letter is submitted.~~ and Sri Mascrenhas, another trustee.

p14 n/f (E)

Draft I

3. As regards X on p. 7 c.f. which is a new ~~and~~ charge, it is submitted that the allegation is vague as the petition is addressed to an M.L.A. ~~it is for consideration whether action may be taken on the M.L.A or the petitioner comes upto Govt. with the charge. For orders.~~ The allegation is reported to be based on hearsay and information. No action seems necessary on this count.

The MLA will move in the matter, if there is any truth in this allegation Ker 5.10.55

4. Copies of the petitions may be forwarded to the S.P.O. and he may be requested to take these into consideration while submitting proposals for the posting of Sri Advani. ~~A draft memo. is subd. for approval.~~ The S.P.O may also be informed of the orders in G.O.Ms. No 2178 P.W.d 2.6.55.

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Suggestions in para 4 above are approved. Ker 5.10.55

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